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In the application of:

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 4 June 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 4 September 2003. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 4 October 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. All claims were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.